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INTERSTITIAL WEB ADVERTISEMENTS TO A CLIENT COMPUTER
(as amended)**

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Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicants respectfully request that the following additional references be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each reference is enclosed.

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REMARKS

Under rule 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a) (effective March 16, 1992), for those above-cited references that are in the English language, the Applicants submit that no specific comments are necessary for any of these.

The 11-154159 Japanese patent application (Reference EJ) describes an Internet-based advertisement system. Here, an advertisement, in the form of an image provided by an advertiser and stored on an advertisement server, is inserted, through use of an access managing program and during execution of an HTML document embodying a home page of an advertisement carrier, into that home web page for rendering to a user.

The 11-003072 Japanese patent application (Reference EK) describes an Internet-based advertising

system in which a mobile terminal is connected to the Internet through an Internet service provider. An information page sent to the terminal includes a tag indicating that advertising information is incorporated. When the terminal executes this page and particularly the tag, the terminal fetches the advertisement information from the server in background and stores it. The terminal later displays the advertisement information during waiting time.

The 10-312344 Japanese patent application (Reference EL) discloses a technique for efficiently displaying Internet-distributed advertisements. This technique utilizes a data communications controller and a time allotment controller; where the latter allocates time when a display file can be displayed at a remote, presumably client, computer in a predefined advertisement area on a display screen. This time is allocated among various advertisements based on, e.g., a desired user frequency, a desired time frequency and a desired geometry of each advertisement. Advertisements are delivered to the remote computer through the data communications controller.

The 9-114781 Japanese patent application (Reference EM) discloses equipment which, through a networked connection, provides information, which includes advertising data, from a server to a remote terminal. A monitoring unit monitors status of a transmission line over which the information is to be transferred and transfers information from the server to the terminal based on status of the line.

The 97-78058 Korean patent application (Reference EN) describes a network module that sends and receives advertisement data whenever it would otherwise be in an idle state, i.e. presumably when a bi-directional transmission link associated with that module and connecting a server with a remote computer is not otherwise busy.

For the Examiner's convenience, the Applicants have also enclosed English language abstracts for the four Japanese patent applications (References EJ-EM) and, for the Korean patent application (Reference EN) for which no English language abstract appears to be available, an English-language database record as provided by Derwent.

Lastly, also for the Examiner's convenience, the Applicants have also enclosed a completed modified PTO-1449 form hereto.

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